

High Flying.

The report of the National Alliance meeting, as printed in the *Economist*, is an insult to the entire reform movement and should be treated accordingly. But it has its ludicrous side. The reporter doubtless being one of the "editorial staff," could let fancy and fiction take a wide range without fear of the blue pencil. Was the opportunity improved? Do sparks fly upward? Does water run down hill? Read the following for an answer:

Serene in the consciousness of duty performed upon a plane of lofty justice incapable of being appreciated by small minded and jealous bigots, the doctor spoke, and before him, as chaff before the wind, dropped the poisoned shafts of envious malice. They sat and listened with blanched faces when he drew the mantle of charity over acts punishable by law and spared their names.

After catching breath do you say that isn't a corker? That paragraph is a mere lubricator to what is coming. When you have read the dramatic description of that great and good man's withdrawal from the meeting, you will conclude that up to date life had been a blank.

Dr. Macune returned and said that owing to the slurs and insinuations heaped upon him by members of the order and outsiders, that he could not with self-respect remain a member of the order, and announced that he must respectfully withdraw.

The delegates from six states, later joined by four others, clustered around him and announced their desire to go out with him, but shaking off the clinging arms of his friends as he had the attacks of his enemies, and bidding them remain and do their duty as Alliance men, the man of a thousand Alliance victories and the hero of the hour passed from the hall. With head erect and the step of a conqueror he gave the field to the men who had come to rule or ruin.

"Where are we at," now? So far as the clinging business is concerned, our experience is limited. It must have been extremely pathetic, however. But when it comes to the "man of a thousand Alliance victories," "the hero of the hour," "with head erect," and "the step of a conqueror," we throw up our hands and surrender. We have read Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress," "Caesar's Column," and the "World Almanac," but it has never been our fate to run across anything that could hold a candle for it. If anything has been left out it will never be known, since "the heavens are not telling anything" just at present. Seriously, the editor of that paper allowed this "rot" to be printed about himself.—National Watchman, November 30.

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